

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid

3 transformation plan, and to convene a task force to advise the department in the

4 development of the plan.

5 WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Executive

6 Order No. JBE 16-01 directing the Department of Health and Hospitals, referred to hereafter

7 as the "department", to take all such actions as are necessary to expand Medicaid eligibility

8 to adults who have incomes at or below one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal

9 poverty level, with the change in eligibility standards to become effective no later than July

10 1, 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has a genuine and longstanding interest in

12 the operation of an efficient, effective state Medicaid program; and

13 WHEREAS, the expansion of Medicaid coverage to include adults earning incomes

14 of up to one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level presents the state with

15 an ideal opportunity to transform the Medicaid program; and

16 WHEREAS, department officials have expressed an intention to broaden awareness

17 and understanding of opportunities for transformation of the Medicaid program among key

18 stakeholders including legislators, healthcare providers, Medicaid enrollees, and Louisiana

19 citizens who finance the Medicaid program with their tax dollars; and

1 WHEREAS, it is essential for the department to obtain input and support from the
2 legislature and the public as it develops the strategies necessary to promote a transformation
3 of the Medicaid program.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid
6 transformation plan which outlines strategies for operating a more efficient and effective
7 Medicaid system.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall convene a task force to
9 make recommendations to the secretary of the department concerning development of the
10 Medicaid transformation plan.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of an appointee
12 from each of the following organizations:

- 13 (1) The Louisiana House of Representatives.
- 14 (2) The Louisiana Senate.
- 15 (3) The Department of Health and Hospitals.
- 16 (4) The Louisiana Department of Insurance.
- 17 (5) The Louisiana Association of Health Plans.
- 18 (6) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.
- 19 (7) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.
- 20 (8) The Louisiana State Medical Society.
- 21 (9) The Louisiana Primary Care Association.
- 22 (10) The Rural Hospital Coalition.
- 23 (11) The Louisiana Pharmacists Association.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
25 without compensation.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall recommend to the secretary
27 Medicaid transformation strategies which achieve all of the following objectives:

- 28 (1) Reflect Louisiana values.
- 29 (2) Make efficient use of taxpayer dollars.
- 30 (3) Promote personal responsibility.

1 (4) Assure access to quality care.

2 (5) Improve population health outcomes with evidence-based approaches.

3 (6) Provide for adequate and equitable reimbursement for healthcare services.

4 (7) Maximize federal funding.

5 (8) Protect graduate medical education.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the task force shall
7 terminate on March 1, 2017.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit the Medicaid
9 transformation plan required by this Resolution in the form of a written report to the
10 legislature on or before March 1, 2017.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include specific
12 recommendations for enhancing the ability of Medicaid enrollees to use health services
13 efficiently and responsibly, and for better quality of care through incentives which reward
14 value rather than volume.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that innovations in the Medicaid program to be
16 addressed in the plan may include but shall not be limited to the feasibility of implementing
17 a Section 1115 demonstration waiver program, cost sharing functions inclusive of
18 copayments and coinsurance, health savings accounts, and any other mechanism permitted
19 by federal law.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the commissioner of insurance, the
22 chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, the chancellor of the
23 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of the
24 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the chief executive officer
25 of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care
26 Association, the executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, and the executive
27 director of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association.

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